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## Arlington West memorial honors fallen soldiers, civilians

Amy Dierdorff  
MUSTANG DAILY

Sgt. Michael Mitchell was only 25 years old and nearing retirement after serving seven years in the U.S. Army when he was killed in action in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq. The day he died was just three months before the day he planned to marry his fiancée.

Poly Greens put up more than 1,000 wooden crosses Wednesday on Mott Lawn as part of a day-long memorial called Arlington West, to honor the more than 2,000 soldiers and countless Iraqi civilians who have died in the Iraq war.

At 7 p.m. in Philips Hall Poly Greens hosted a presentation featuring four guest speakers, including Bill Mitchell, Michael Mitchell's father and co-founder of Gold Star Families for Peace.

"I'm just one father of the more than 2,400 getting killed," Mitchell said. "I guess I just try to share the pain a little bit."

Steve Sherrill, the creator of Arlington West and a speaker at the event, said he got the idea for starting a memorial when he realized how easy it was to skim over the huge numbers of American soldiers being killed in Iraq while reading the paper. At the time, only 287 soldiers had been killed.

On Nov. 3, 2003, Mitchell began making crosses in his garage after he got home from work and later decided that he was going to display them on a beach in Santa Barbara. As the number of dead soldiers grew, he enlisted the help of the Santa Barbara Chapter of Veterans for Peace, of which he is now a member.

"It's been a very powerful and moving experience for me," Sherrill said.

Since the first display of wooden crosses, other organizations have created Arlington memorials of their own to display all over the country.

"First and foremost, it's a memorial. Our main goal is to pay tribute to the soldiers' sacrifice," said David Kirk, a co-

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More than 1,000 crosses set up on Mott Lawn and the lawn in front of the Health Center Wednesday as part of a memorial for the more than 2,300 soldiers that have died in Iraq.

## Redefining feminism: Women's studies discusses 'zines'

Amy Asman  
MUSTANG DAILY

Feminism: Belief in the social, political and economic equality of the sexes.

"Zines": Short for magazines and usually refers to self-published, independent online publications.

Cal Poly English professor Brenda Helmbrecht will be leading a discussion today focusing on the true meaning of feminism and the politically charged magazines that "enrage, offend, cajole and motivate readers to bring about social and political change in their ... lives," representatives from the women's studies program said.

"There is No 'I' in Grrrrl: The Bustin' and Bitchin' Rhetoric of Third-Wave 'Zines'" attempts to define and discuss the rhetorical styles and goals of modern feminist magazines and other media.

"The magazines are irreverent and sometimes they're even offensive. They make critiques about culture and gender in today's society," Helmbrecht said.

She added that unlike many popular magazines on newsstands today, which have a tendency to objectify and demean women, feminist "Zines," like "Bitch" and "Bust," try to convey feminist beliefs and women's issues in a more positive light.

The talk will also explore the on-

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## Taking two years to promote peace, cultural understanding



Erin Taylor, an education graduate student, smiles with a group of Thai children in traditional clothing.

Kristen Marschall  
MUSTANG DAILY

Erin Taylor remembers holding gold, silver and bronze chains with her home-stay family as she watched the marriage of her new home-stay sister. She had helped the women prepare desserts and flowers by hand for this special day. The groom's family brought the bride's family gifts of banana trees, gold and meat, and together the families marched and sang. Taylor had only been in Thailand for three months, but was as much a part of this family as anyone.

"I was so touched by how loving and welcoming they were," she said.

Now an education graduate student, she is one of many Cal Poly

students who have lent their services to the Peace Corps — an American organization which sends volunteers to 138 different countries. The Peace Corps strives to promote world peace and friendship through helping Americans and people of other cultures better understand each other.

### MUSTANGDAILY 2-PART SERIES

This is the second story in a two-part series on the Peace Corps.

There are approximately 7,810 active volunteers in the Peace Corps today — a small number compared to the 182,000 to-date. As of Sept. 30, 2005, about 878 Californians

have partaken in the program and 46 of those volunteers have been Cal Poly students. While the organization as a whole has been in progress since 1961, Cal Poly has been sending volunteers since 1963.

"The culture of service is already established on this campus," said Brady Radovich, former regional recruiter for San Luis Obispo and a Cal Poly alumnus. "The Peace Corps has been fortunate to embrace Cal Poly's learn-by-doing philosophy."

While the program offers many benefits — such as nearly \$6,000, graduate school opportunities, language fluency, international experience and more — the two years and three months of service is "nothing to take lightly," Radovich said.

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## Memorial

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director of Poly Greens and social sciences junior.

Vanessa Mathews, also a co-director of Poly Greens and social sciences junior and emcee of the event, said the club wanted to put on the event to raise awareness and let people decide for themselves why it is important to know the number of soldiers who have died.

"We wanted to show people the true cost of war and let them decide for themselves if it's worth the human sacrifice," Mathews said.

Many passers-by stopped to read the names on some of the crosses and talk to the veterans who set up a table to answer

questions about the memorial.

"It's a bummer," said history senior Tim Fox, who stopped to look at the memorial. "It's not an issue of America and Iraq; it's an issue of a man's heart."

Following Sherrill's appearance at the evening presentation, filmmaker Mark Manning spoke about the impact of the war on Iraqi civilians and showed his 18-minute documentary "Caught in the Crossfire." Jesse Dyan, a musician and songwriter, sang two original songs and one called "Dear Mr. President" by musician Pink.

Veterans for Peace, CODE-PINK and Progressive Student Alliance were co-sponsors of the event.

## Feminism

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going influence feminism has on politics and visual media, as well as the evolving role of third-wave feminists.

"A lot of people misunderstand the meaning of the word feminist and/or feminism, but that's not always their own fault. The media conveys a very negative image of feminism ... there's even the highly offensive term 'feminazi,'" she said.

"I think the role of third-wave feminists is to redefine the term so it's really a positive idea. And I think a lot of young women and men are doing that today," she added.

The talk will be held in the business building, Room 112 from 11 a.m. to noon. There is no charge to attend the event.

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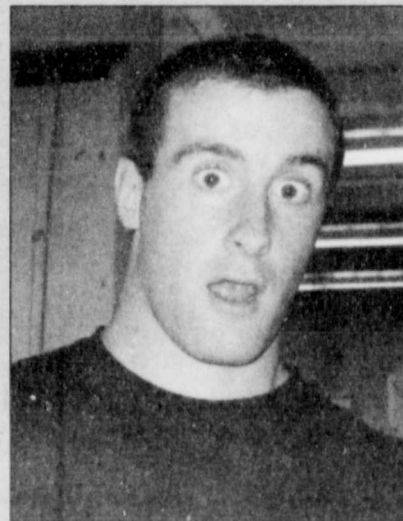
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## State briefs

**SACRAMENTO** — The state of California is storing critical backup data for dozens of government offices and agencies in buildings in the Natomas flood basin.

The departments of Corrections, Transportation, Motor Vehicles, Health Services, the Franchise Tax Board, Board of Equalization and the state controller are among the agencies currently storing data with one of two companies in the Natomas area.

— *The Associated Press*

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**VISTA** — Sheriff's deputies have arrested a woman on suspicion of murder after they found her newborn baby dead in a trash can at her home.

Investigators say Edith Ledesma, 24, gave birth Saturday night in the backyard of her Vista home. She told investigators that she wrapped the baby boy in a blanket and a plastic trash bag and left him in a trash can.

— *The Associated Press*

## Judge keeps documents sealed in domestic spying lawsuit

David Kravets  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Secret documents allegedly detailing surveillance of AT&T Inc. phone and e-mail lines under the Bush administration's domestic spying program can be used in a lawsuit against the telephone giant, a federal judge ruled Wednesday, but the records will remain sealed.

U.S. District Judge Vaughn Walker rejected a bid by AT&T to return the records given to the privacy advocate Electronic Frontier Foundation by a former AT&T technician. But Walker said the records would remain under seal until it can be determined whether they reveal trade secrets.

"The best course of action is to preserve the status quo," Walker said.

The hearing is the first in a lawsuit challenging the administration's secretive domestic surveillance program.

The suit, filed by EFF in U.S. District Court here, accuses AT&T of illegally cooperating with the National Security Agency to make

communications on the company's networks available to the spy agency without warrants.

"They are asking this court to suppress evidence of AT&T's criminal activity," EFF lawyer Maria Morris said in arguing that the records remain part of the case.

"I thought it was unfortunate counsel chose to use the terms 'criminal activities' and 'crimes,'" AT&T lawyer David Anderson said as he argued that the records should be returned to the company.

The goal of the lawsuit is to dismantle warrantless eavesdropping on Americans in the United States, a practice the Bush administration confirmed in December. EFF's case would have been weakened if the records provided by the whistleblower were taken from the case.

"I believe I have significant information to bring to the table," the former technician, Mark Klein, told reporters after the 90-minute hearing.

The lawsuit is based largely on Klein's documents, which he and EFF assert show that the NSA is capable of

monitoring communications on AT&T's network after the NSA installed equipment in secret rooms at AT&T offices in San Francisco, Seattle, San Jose, Los Angeles and San Diego.

AT&T claims the documents involve trade secrets, and has "an obligation to assist law enforcement and other government agencies responsible for protecting the public welfare." The San Antonio-based telecommunications company wanted the records returned and stricken from the lawsuit.

The Bush administration, meanwhile, argued in court Wednesday that the courts cannot decide the constitutionality of the president's asserted wartime powers to eavesdrop on Americans without warrants.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General Carl Nichols urged Walker to dismiss the case because it threatens to divulge state secrets and jeopardize national security.

Walker set a June 23 hearing on that issue, and said he was conflicted about protecting national security

issues and Americans' right of privacy.

"How am I going to be able to weigh those?" Walker said from the bench.

Experts said the government is increasingly moving to dismiss lawsuits based on national security assertions, and that Walker is likely to throw out the case because judges usually side with the government.

USA Today reported last week that the NSA was secretly collecting the records of phone calls by millions of ordinary Americans to build a database of all calls within the country.

Two major telecoms — Verizon and BellSouth — have said they did not provide customer call data to the NSA, but USA Today stood by the story. AT&T has not denied involvement.

President Bush announced in December that the NSA has been conducting warrantless surveillance of calls and e-mails thought to involve al-Qaida terrorists following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

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## San Francisco makes it easier to test people for HIV

Paul Elias  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Public medical clinics run by the city will no longer require written consent and counseling sessions before testing people for HIV in a bid to increase the number of people screened for the virus, officials said Wednesday.

It's a dramatic policy shift for a city at the forefront of the AIDS fight and it is the first known entity in the United States to formally loosen consent and counseling requirements. The new policy was implemented Tuesday in the city clinics and two hospitals that test patients. Last year, 240 people tested positive out of the 6,000 tested in San Francisco.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is contemplating making similar recommendations, as well as proposing that most healthy people get tested during routine

physical exams.

The idea is to expand testing to find as many as 250,000 of the 1 million Americans with HIV who don't know they are infected and are most responsible for the spread of the virus.

San Francisco doctors are required to get only verbal patient permission for testing, a move city officials say will increase the number of people tested who aren't now screened because of problems with paperwork and burdensome bureaucracy.

"Once again, San Francisco is taking the lead," said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, director of the city's sexually transmitted disease prevention. "We hope others follow this common sense approach."

Klausner said several other private hospitals in San Francisco are considering similar policy changes.

But many AIDS activists and other critics fear the changes could lead to patient privacy abuses and

deter some from seeking treatment if they test positive.

Doctors at the city's General Hospital would still be required to get patients' permission verbally, but activists argue that's not enough and they continue to advocate for written consent and prescreening counseling.

"Unfortunately, HIV follows women of color and HIV follows poverty," said Diana Bruce of the Washington-based AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families, which is concerned with testing pregnant women and newborns. "This population needs testing that is culturally competent, that builds their trust and that they have been properly informed in writing."

Bruce said doing away with the current testing system will increase the chances that patients testing positive for HIV won't seek treatment.

The AIDS Alliance submitted formal comments opposing the CDC's proposal to do away with written consent and counseling in March and also signed a letter along with 51 other groups protesting the proposed changes.

"We still believe pretest counseling is important, but it shouldn't be mandated," Klausner said.

Others, though, argued that streamlining the testing process will encourage more patients to get tested for HIV.

"While many counseling and consent procedures make sense to providers, they may be viewed by high-risk individuals as burdens," Dana Van Gorder of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation said in an e-mail. "If that is the case, they should be carefully reconsidered. SFGH has provided model care for HIV throughout the epidemic and I trust them to making good decisions about these changes."

The American Medical Association supports the CDC's proposed changes, which would roll HIV testing into routine physical exams. Nearly half of new HIV infections are discovered when doctors are trying to diagnose an illness in a patient who has come for care, the CDC said.

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## National briefs

**WEST PALM BEACH, Fla.** — Cigarette maker Brown & Williamson owes Florida \$17 million as part of the landmark 1997 tobacco settlement after it failed to report the sale of billions of cigarettes produced under another company's name. Attorney General Charlie Crist said Wednesday.

Under the multibillion-dollar settlement, Brown & Williamson along with other manufacturers were to pay a lump sum of \$550 million to the state and annual payments thereafter based on the volume of cigarette sales, Crist said in a motion filed in state court in Palm Beach County.

— The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — A group of scientists urged Congress on Wednesday to fund research for plug-in hybrid vehicles, touting the technology as another way to reduce the nation's dependence on oil through the help of a simple electrical socket.

With high gas prices straining some Americans' budgets, advocates of the alternative vehicles told a House committee that plug-in hybrids could reduce gasoline consumption and reduce air emissions. And while ethanol-fueled vehicles will require a better network of fueling pumps, a plug-in hybrid car could recharge at home.

— The Associated Press

# President Bush signs tax cut extensions into law

Deb Riechmann  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush signed a \$70 billion tax-cut bill on Wednesday that Republicans hope will help them with voters as they head into the fall elections with worries about retaining control of Congress.

"Our pro-growth policies stand in stark contrast to those in Washington who believe you grow your economy by raising taxes and centralizing power," said Bush, joined at the signing ceremony by Vice President Dick Cheney.

Democrats overwhelmingly opposed the legislation, saying the tax cuts on capital gains and dividends will flow mostly to the rich.

The GOP says the tax cuts, first enacted in 2003, have created 5.2 million jobs since August 2003 and bolstered tax revenue by nearly 15 percent last year. According to the White House, the cuts have helped spur growth by keeping \$880 billion in taxpayers' pockets during the past five years.

"The bill I sign today is a victory for the American taxpayers and is a strong lift for our economy," Bush said.

The bill passed the Senate last Thursday by a 54-44 vote.

The legislation provides a two-year extension of the reduced 15 percent tax rate for capital gains and dividends; it was to expire at the end of 2008.

The measure extends for one year



ASSOCIATED PRESS

**President Bush signs the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act of 2005, a \$70 billion tax-cut package, in a ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House on Wednesday.**

recent changes to the alternative minimum tax to prevent that tax from snaring more upper middle-income families. The tax was designed to hit the very wealthy. Now, however, it is common for taxpayers, especially those with families in high-tax states, to pay the AMT on incomes of \$100,000 and more.

The GOP sees the extensions as a chance to raise approval ratings for the president and the Republican-controlled Congress. Public opinion surveys put the ratings at their lowest points in the Bush presidency.

"With this bill," Bush said, "we're sending the American people a clear message about our policy: We're

going to continue to trust the American people with their own money."

Voters will not feel the impact before the November election; for investors, it will be until the next president is about to take office, in 2009.

Democrats say the cuts favor the wealthy and even oil companies. They point to other tax breaks that are languishing in the Senate — for college tuition, state and local sales taxes and research and-development. Each expired in December.

"The Republican tax cuts do little for middle-class American families, and widen the gulf between the rich and poor," said the second-ranking

House Democrat, Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland.

For a family making between \$40,000 and \$50,000, the cuts will mean an additional \$46, he said. In the long term, Hoyer said, they will "add to our record-setting deficits and undermine America's ability to invest in job training, education, health care and other priorities."

Bush also renewed his threat to veto legislation to pay for war in Iraq and hurricane relief at home because the spending bill has so many election-year add-ons. He has set a limit of \$92.2 billion for the war and hurricane relief plus an additional \$2.3 billion to prepare for a possible bird flu pandemic.

"If this bill goes over the limit or includes non-emergency or wasteful spending I'll veto it," Bush said.

Passage of the tax-cut extensions was the first step of a two-track strategy for advancing the GOP's election-year tax cut agenda. A separate bill containing about \$22 billion to \$23 billion in tax breaks backed by Republicans and Democrats is expected to advance soon as a follow-up.

It would preserve tax deductions for state and local sales taxes, a tuition tax deduction, a tax break for teachers who buy their own school supplies, and the research and development tax credit for businesses.

Even though Democrats generally opposed the tax cut extensions, they back the alternative minimum tax relief. At about \$34 billion, it is the single costliest part of the bill.

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# Farm aid draws protests from Bush, House leaders

Libby Quaid  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Giving money to farmers, traditionally a popular election-year idea, is growing less popular in this election year.

The Senate wants to spend nearly \$4 billion to help farmers cope with high fuel prices and damage from severe weather. House leaders object to the aid, saying Congress spends money too freely. President Bush is threatening a veto.

The White House dislikes the farm aid because it raises the price of a spending bill for the Iraq war and hurricane recovery. Beyond that, the farm money would not give energy relief to every farmer, said Bush's agriculture secretary, Mike Johanns.

Farmers who do not get subsidy checks — fruit and vegetable growers and many others — "would be absolutely cut out," he said.

"My goodness, can I say to these folks, that's fair; you should be satisfied with that?" Johanns told

reporters last week in Chicago, where he was speaking to fruit and vegetable growers.

Johanns was talking about payments to help producers pay for fuel and fertilizer, costs that soared last year after Hurricane Katrina.

The energy-related payments, about \$1.6 billion of the \$4 billion in aid, would go only to those who get government subsidies.

That is four of every 10 farmers, according to the department. Subsidies go primarily to those who grow corn, wheat, rice, cotton and

soybeans.

So while California has more than twice as many farms as North Dakota, California farmers would get less energy aid than North Dakota farmers, according to analysis by Environmental Working Group, one of many groups that criticize subsidy programs.

"An irrigated orchard in Oregon is just as dependent as corn and soybean operations in North Dakota, if not more dependent," said Scott Faber, spokesman for Environmental Defense.

Congress should find ways to end the need for annual bailout from Congress, such as providing incentives to farmers to use energy more efficiently, Faber said.

Senators who want the energy aid say it benefits farmers who need it most.

"It is rough justice," allowed Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "But it is the right way to do it."

Growers of subsidized crops produce more and face higher costs, said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

"The 40 percent are the very farmers who are most affected," Conrad said.

Besides the relief from energy costs, an additional \$2.17 billion would go to farmers or ranchers who suffered losses of at least 35 percent.

Some \$40 million more would pay for extra Agriculture Department employees to process the aid payments, according to analysis from the Congressional Budget Office.

Gulf Coast hurricanes were not the only disaster for farmers last year. Some parts of the country suffered from floods while drought persisted throughout the Midwest and Southwest. Many farmers lost entire crops or left fields unharvested; some quit altogether.

"To our family businesses in the state of Arkansas, the disasters they've suffered are no less than the disasters suffered in the Gulf State region," said Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark.

The senators are asking farmers to sign an online petition supporting the aid. Since Friday, more than 2,000 people have signed, Dorgan said.

Even without the disaster aid, the government will spend an estimated \$17 billion subsidizing farmers this year.

It will spend at least \$3.6 billion on crop insurance, which covers unavoidable crop losses. Unlike subsidies, which go to the major crops, crop insurance is available for all kinds of crops, from avocados to macadamia nuts to sunflowers.

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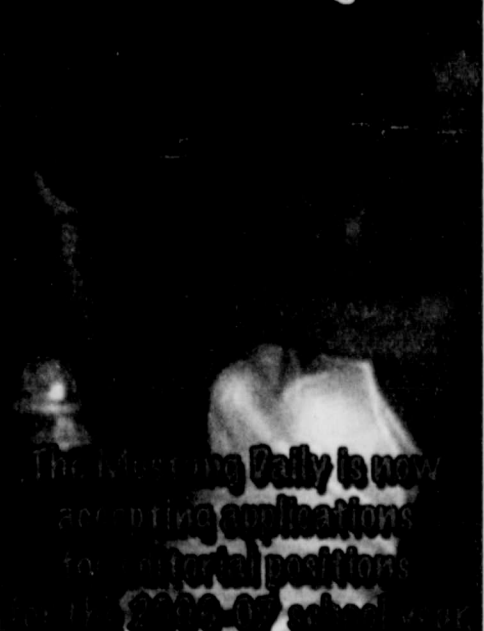
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# Students expose art in the name of awareness

Jennifer Boudevin

MUSTANG DAILY

With the minutes ticking down toward the Friday night event, figuring out all the last-minute details has Louise Dolby a little stressed out.

"I'll feel really good Saturday morning when it's over," she said.

For the past couple of months, Cal Poly journalism seniors Valerie Barrett, Jeanette Etchebehere and Dolby have been busy organizing their senior project: "exposed. an evening of art and awareness."

Local artists will display their work in the show to benefit the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention (SARP) Center in San Luis Obispo. The event will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. Friday at the old Pier One building, located at 848 Monterey St. Refreshments, provided by Trader Joe's, will be served.

The idea for the show stemmed from organizer Etchebehere's friendship with photographer Whitney Guenther.

"Having my emphasis in public relations, I knew it was important for my senior project to encompass the skills I've learned in the area," Etchebehere said. "Whitney and I always joke about how I will have to be her publicist and agent when we graduate. All this casual joking led me to thinking about how I could really begin the pursuit of getting her work out into the public's view."

When Guenther mentioned that she and a few fellow art and design seniors wanted to put on an art show, Etchebehere offered to organize the event and carry out a public relations campaign for it.

"I knew this task was a lot for one person," Etchebehere said, "and through a class Louise, Valerie and I formed a group in hope of producing a successful show together."

The group wanted to involve a local non-profit and make it a fundraiser. Dolby had been involved with SARP in the past, and felt their mission within the community was important. Her co-organizers agreed.

"The SARP Center is an organization in constant need of monetary support as well as public awareness," Barrett said in a press release. "Through our event we hope to not only increase awareness of the organization but to also raise enough money to make a substantial donation, and by featuring young artists we hope to draw a crowd who can relate to the SARP Center cause."

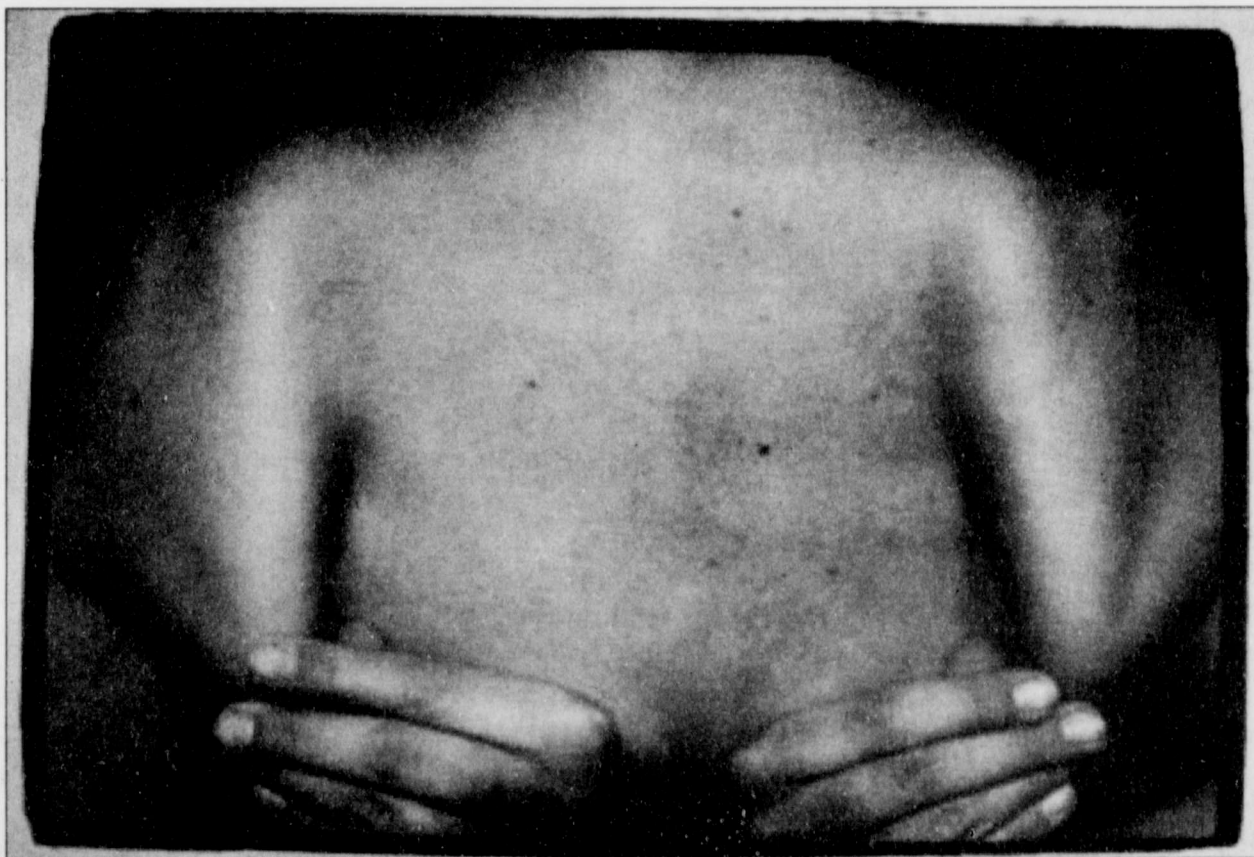
Noting that one in three women in the United States is affected by sexual assault, Dolby called it "a very big issue that people really need to be informed about."

The center was established in 1976 to provide crisis intervention and treatment services to survivors of sexual assault and abuse. It offers a 24-hour crisis hotline, follow-up counseling and prevention education for people in the community.

The show will feature a variety of photography, oil paintings and installation art by Cal Poly students Timothy Borjas, Dolby, Allison Golden, Guenther, Cassie McFarland and Nate Mohle.

Guenther, will be displaying photos inspired by her desire to create awareness of sexual assault toward men and women.

"My photographs all have an eerie sense," she explained. "They each show common



'WINGS' BY LOUISE DOLBY COURTESY PHOTO

Louise Dolby is one of several artists to display artwork Friday night in an event to benefit the Sexual Assault Recovery and Prevention Center in San Luis Obispo.

activities that could result in an unexpected attack."

She said that there is a naivety among young adults, who often unknowingly put themselves in a position to be victimized — herself included.

"I mostly shoot photos alone and I especially enjoy shooting at night," Guenther said. "Why do I keep doing this even though it can be dangerous? Because nothing bad has happened yet."

Guenther cited the false sense of security one can have living in a small town like San Luis Obispo, and said, "Just because nothing has happened (here) recently doesn't mean it won't."

The event provides a unique activity for students and community members alike.

"There aren't a lot of events in San Luis Obispo that are of this nature," Dolby said. "This is a way to give back to the community, and something new to do on a Friday night while benefiting a good cause."

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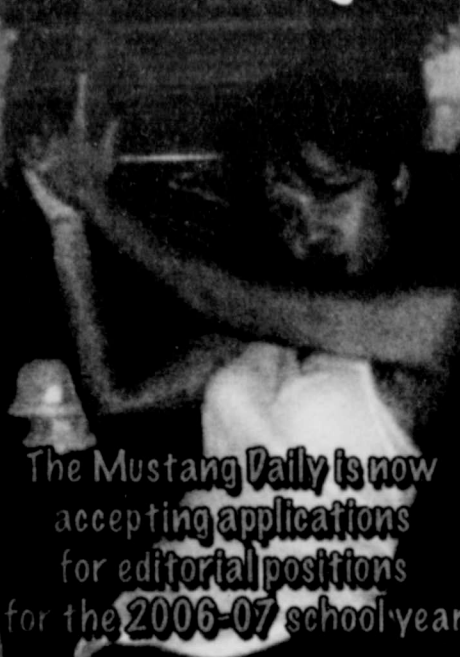
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## Students reveal 'What the Butler Saw'



NICK COURTY MUSTANG DAILY

The theater and dance department presents 'What the Butler Saw' in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theater today, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Amy Asman  
MUSTANG DAILY

What do you get when you take a wealthy and biting estranged family, mix in some sex, lies and Polaroids, add a humanly impossible amount of binge drinking and throw in some sexy lingerie and a strait jacket?

I'll give you one hint: It's not the Paris Hilton sex tape ...

It's Cal Poly's ballsy British romp called "What the Butler Saw," which finishes its run in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theater today, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Freudian farce by Joe Orton takes center stage as the theater and dance department's spring production, and the play — although at times a little too crazy to follow — is anything but boring.

A vast range of hot-button topics such as rape, sexuality, religion, psychology and politics make this production a little less "Are You Being Served" and a little more "Monty Python and the Search for

the Holy (Phallic) Grail."

A cast of fabulously vindictive, needy and sexually-confused characters round out this drawing room comedy gone terribly wrong — including a psychiatrist with a fetish for women's panties, a middle-aged alcoholic sexpot, a doe-eyed ingénue from the countryside, a rather insane

Prentice unexpectedly barges into the office claiming that some disgruntled youth has just attempted to rape her. The madness undoubtedly ensues as both Prentices pull every illogical excuse out of the books in hopes of covering for their S&M mishaps.

While the play may sound ridiculously taboo or even somewhat frightening, the actors manage to pull off a very satisfying performance.

The production even patronizes itself by

acknowledging the sheer hysteria progressing before the audience's eyes: "Am I a mad heifer?" asks the drug-induced secretary after being mistakenly charged as insane. "Are you a mad heifer? Oh! Is it the candid camera?" Not quite, replies the doctor. But one almost does expect a British Ashton Kutcher to jump out from the wings at any moment

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government assessor, a bumbling policeman, a horny bellhop and Sir Winston Churchill himself.

The play begins when Dr. Prentice, a psychoanalyst interviewing a potential secretary, instructs her to take her clothes off. "Don't worry," the good doctor tells his unsuspecting sex partner, "I'll wear rubber ... gloves!"

The plot thickens when Mrs.

## Chair Nominations

Nominations for the 06-07 Chair of the University Union Advisory Board (UUAB) will be accepted at the UUAB meetings on May 9 and 23 in UH 218 at 3 p.m.

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# Garden Street hosts senior project, party

Lauren Zahner  
MUSTANG DAILY

What do six indie bands, a garden gnome and a senior project have in common?

It's the KCPR Garden Party.

"It's really a taste of something different," journalism sophomore Graham Culbertson said.

Cal Poly's radio station, KCPR, will be hosting a music festival at Downtown Brew on Garden Street from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday.

Stacey Anderson, a journalism senior, organized the event for her senior project.

"It's going to be diverse and it's going to represent KCPR," Anderson said. "KCPR is important to my college experience ... I wanted an event that would be exciting for the DJs."

The event has been dubbed the KCPR Garden Party because two other venues on Garden Street will also be open. Initially they wanted to close off a section of Garden Street but there was not enough room, Culbertson said. The hope is that next year the festival will be bigger.

The Garden Party features the bands Hella, The Dead Science, Rahim, The Advantage, The Jai Alai Savant and Magneto.

"There's not really another music festival in SLO," as Neon Joseph and The Louvre for a free all-ages journalism sophomore and KCPR DJ Graham from 2 to 8 p.m.

Culbertson said. "The opportunity doesn't really come up. Most of these bands don't really stop at SLO."

KCPR is a nonprofit and student-run radio station that prides itself in having "something for everyone," Anderson said. Proceeds from the festival will go towards bringing more music to San Luis Obispo.

"Live music is a huge part of what we want to do in this community," Anderson said. "KCPR has a very eclectic format. We actually have a lot of listeners in the community, not just the campus. In fact, we want more students to listen."

The Garden Party also aims to create some publicity for the station. "A lot of students don't know we're here or don't really listen to the radio anymore," Culbertson said.

Fliers for the festival have been posted along the coast from Santa Barbara to Santa Cruz, the Cal Poly and in downtown San Luis Obispo. Culbertson said the station is expecting 150 to 200 people to attend the festival, but he's hoping for more and said students should take advantage of the different bands that are going to be in attendance.

KCPR Garden Party tickets are \$21 pre-sale and \$25 at the door.

Linnaea's Cafe will also be featuring local acts such

It's going to  
be diverse  
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KCPR.

—Stacey Anderson  
KCPR general manager



COURTESY PHOTO

Hella will be headlining the KCPR Garden Party Saturday. The duo, Zach Hill (left) and Spencer Seim (right), hail from Sacramento.

I heard they are  
quite an  
experience live.

—Graham Culbertson  
KCPR DJ referring to Hella



## KCPR Garden Party Line-Up

### The Dead Science

The Dead Science is from Washington. They are "almost a pop band," said Graham Culbertson, a journalism sophomore and KCPR DJ in charge of booking bands for the music festival.

"They try to play pop music with a different spin," he said, adding that they also mix in jazz.

Jill LaBlack tried to explain the music The Dead Science produces in her review of the band's second album as, "a sort of post-rock, jazzy, indie guitar, darkly poetic band."

"This is the band I'm most excited for," Culbertson said. "They are my favorite of all the others."

Rahim

Currently on tour all over the United States, "Rahim made a name for themselves by playing a fresh interpretation of the jagged post-punk style of the Washington, D.C. area that is both melodic and patient, and built on a strong rhythmic backbone," according to their biography on their Web site, www.rahimrahim.org.

Culbertson described their music as having a "dancey bounce" and not being rock or pop but falling "somewhere in between."

Magneto

Magneto's record label is in their hometown of Seattle. The lead singer is a female named Lian Light. "They are not a big band," Culbertson said. "I really like them a lot though."

According to their biography on their Web site, www.magneto-band.com, "Magneto proves that a catchy pop song can be smart, emotional and loud all at once."

There are a lot of distorted guitars, Culbertson said. He believes they are going off of a theme of music that was started in the '90s.

"They are catchy compared to some of the stuff that will be played," he said.

The Jai Alai Savant

The Jai Alai Savant plays dub music, which is reggae-inspired, Culbertson said.

"Their list of influences are vast and their sound eclectic, but it's their reggae-slanted, post-punk roots that take the foreground in the most recent music of the band," according to their biography on their Web site, www.savant.paintthesky.org.

Currently, their most popular song is "Scarlett Johansen why don't you love me."

Culbertson instantly liked the band after he listened to them. "It's hard to not love a band when it has songs with names like that."

The Advantage

The Advantage also features Spencer Seim of Hella.

"This band does covers of NES, or Nintendo songs," Culbertson said. "Currently their most famous song is a cover of the moon level of Duck Tales."

On their Web site, they call themselves, "California 8 bit Nintendo band-serious dudes that rock with good intentions."

—Christina Caste

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yelling, "You've been Punk'd!"

Constructed in a primarily "Theater in the Round" style, the set puts the audience right in the thick of the action. The seats are indeed so close that front-row observers must weather an occasional downpour of the actors' spit, which might not be a turn-on for everyone, but it does make for good theater.

The cast is required to make an obscene amount of costume changes throughout the course of the play, oftentimes swapping shirts and shoes or even running around in their undergarments. But considering the extreme lack of clothing, one must tip their hat to the costume designer for creating an all together believable and functional line of 1960s garb.

The one aspect of the play that

falters, however, is the consistency of the actors' accents. Audience members may have trouble at the beginning of the play deciphering exactly where this odd group of Brits is from. The verbal precision for which the British are revered is sometimes lost in a slew of hefty monologues and intermittent gurgling.

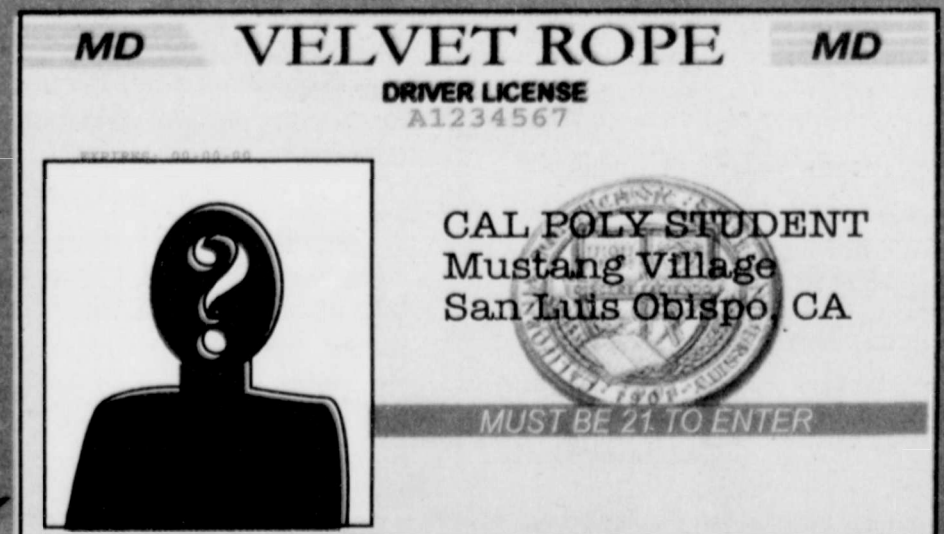
But the speed and fluidity at which the cast executes its heart-racing antics and mind-puzzling conclusions definitely makes up for the lack of aloof British snootiness required by the script.

Overall, it is the actors' brazen disregard for their own self-consciousness and the pleasantly professional style with which the department manages to present this most unusual piece of art that makes "What the Butler Saw" worth seeing.

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"There's an African Goat in my alley and my next-door neighbors are dead."

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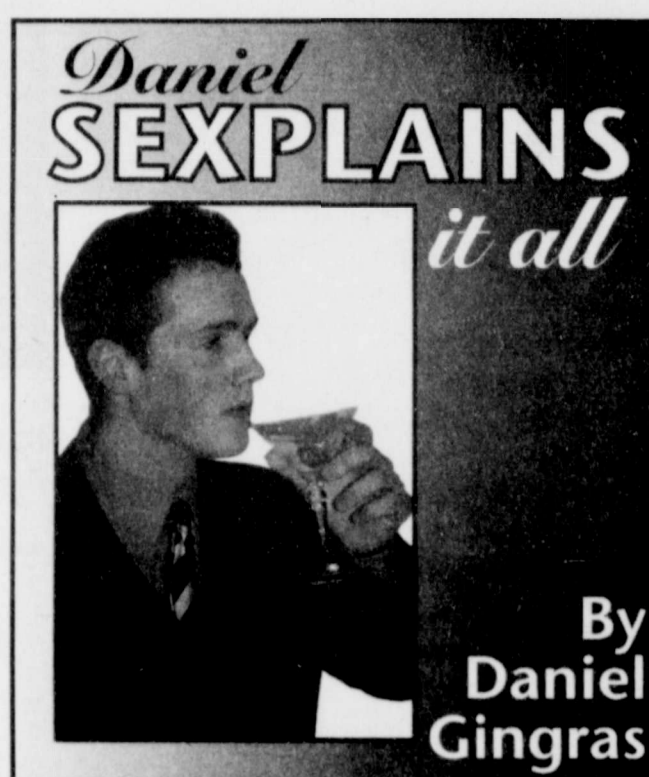
# Hating homosexuals is the red flag of imbecility

Why does homosexuality upset so many heterosexuals? The answer is socialization. The most rigidly socialized people become the overt bigots. Not because there is anything fundamentally evil about them, but because they believe so firmly in what they are taught that the freedoms and feelings of others take a backseat to upholding their own ideals.

A perfect example was the lunatic terrorizing passersby in the University Union a week or two ago. Apparently his uber-socialization in the Bible-belt South left him thinking it was perfectly reasonable to accuse a man of being homosexual because he rode a bicycle, and that doing so was for the "gay" biker's own good. His creed also included publicly informing the Jewish, Mormon, and video-gaming community that they could expect to burn in Hell. The boot marks of socialization were apparent: his own father was at his side and they operated as a philosophical team. I seriously doubt Frank formed those beliefs he was shouting about on his own, or from his own interpretations of the Bible. Rather, his father, and perhaps other agents of socialization indoctrinated them into him.

The funniest thing about socialization is that it can work with beliefs of unlimited absurdity. As a father, I could teach my kid that breakfast is meant to be eaten with the feet, or that death will come suddenly while sleeping unless one performs the sacred bedtime ritual before sleep, wherein one puts one's underwear on one's head and does the dirty bird for two minutes and 30 seconds while humming the "MacGyver" theme song. Granted, these practices will have no other social forces backing them, but depending on the child's loyalty to his family, he might get in a fight about this at his first slumber party. As a community, we could force our schools to abandon widely-accepted theories of evolution and teach intelligent design. Whoops, that's not hypothetical, that's Kansas. Which is fairly close to Texas, where a man was dragged to death because of his "socially deviant" sexual orientation.

As an aside, I'm not saying that being from the South equals being a bigot. The South just happens to be a place with conservative social forces seemingly stronger than anywhere else. There are numerous positive effects of social attitudes in the south, such as excellent manners, friendliness and knowledge of Tex-Mex food. And so, the following sentence applies to all 50 states and humanity at



**Pursue the matter with someone who denounces gays, and you'll find their reasons are usually reduced to feelings of disgust or of inappropriateness**

large.

Persecution of the gay community is the bright red flag of imbecility.

Pursue the matter with someone who denounces gays, and you'll find their reasons are usually reduced to feelings of disgust or a sense of inappropriateness. The same way it would feel inappropriate to my child that his friends don't eat with their feet. And though the fact that being gay doesn't make biological sense is often an issue in their persecution, there are so

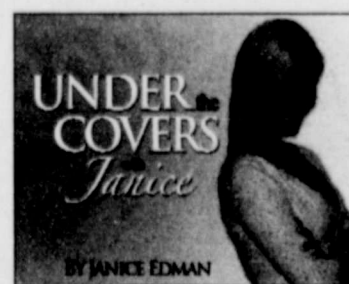
many other things much more accepted in our society that make less biological sense: casual sex, birth control, poly-amorous relationships, etc. ... Homosexuality is just like any other form of non-procreational sexual expression, and could be for love, fun, lust or any of the other reasons that motivate us as to act sexually as humans. The key to a society that accepts all varieties of sexual expression is now in our generation's hand. If we can do our best to form fair, unbiased beliefs now and later

teach them to our children, society will become more and more a place of equity and prosperity.

If you find yourself opposed to homosexuality, you should try abandoning that mindset, if just for this week of pride, to consider the real state of things. I encourage everyone to make a trip to Dexter Lawn and be exposed to some perfectly logical, but not commonly known, arguments in favor of equal rights for homosexuals.

For questions, comments or to hear about the 'His' and 'His' robes that Daniel once saw hanging in his gay uncle's house, write to dgingras@calpoly.edu.

**What does the other sex have to say?**



"While our parents' generation might still be uneasy with the idea, we are a new generation that is comfortable with our sexuality and the sexuality of others."

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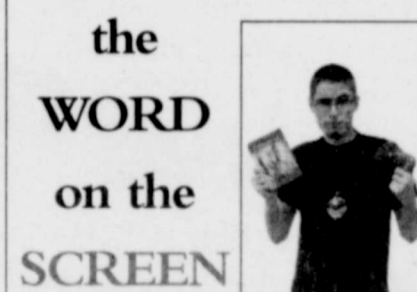
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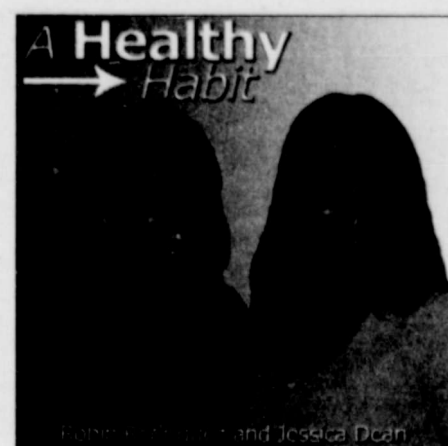
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Wednesday



By Julianne Byer

Thursday



by Emma Thompson and Jessica Dean



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LETTERS  
TO THE EDITORRetaliating with the only  
weapon they have

Brian Eller, I just wanted to clarify a few things from the viewpoint of a Palestinian American who grew up in Palestine and who helped set up Palestine Awareness Week. When Abdel Malik referred to suicide bombers as "martyrs" he meant that Palestinians would rather die in retaliation to the oppression and torture they face from their birth to their death, than live a life that is already dead. Palestinians have absolutely nothing in store for them; no future, no education, no status, no dignity. I am not condoning suicide bombing, as I think it is not a way to make peace or a proper way to fight a war. However, when you've got nothing to fight with and your body is the only weapon, unfortunately the people will resort to delivering their bombs with their bodies. Brian, have you ever been to the West Bank or any of the occupied areas? Because let me tell you this: What you see on the news is not what you see living there. I saw death with my own eyes and witnessed soldiers "picking off" Palestinian children with their snipers" as Malik said. I have suffered countless losses including the unjustified bulldozing of our house (Does that make me a suicide bomber?), and I have footage of the ambulances being stopped and searched at checkpoints carrying people who were hanging on to their last breath. Mr. Engineer, "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction" suicide bombers don't just blow themselves up for fun. Retaliation is a result of occupation.

**Heba Mansour**  
Business Sophomore

Zionists and the real  
terrorists

Zionism: A policy for establishing and developing a national homeland for Jews in Palestine.

It has become apparent from reading recent articles that Zionists will support Israel no matter how brutal their occupation is. These people support leaders such as Ariel Sharon who was once quoted as saying, "I vow that if I was just an Israeli civilian and I met a Palestinian I would burn him and I would make him suffer before killing him." This is someone our president referred to as "a man of peace."

It is no secret that the Zionist-controlled media is the main reason why the actual news in Palestine never gets reported. Through misuse of words and clever wording, most would feel that Israel is always "retaliating." But I have seen misquotes come from the Zionists themselves such as Yoav Ben-Haim, who took a quote I said like, "There is a lot of ignorance in the country right now," and turns it into "Humza says anyone who supports Israel is ignorant." Jeff Pathman called Amir Abdel Malik, an Imam of a mosque in Oakland, someone with "terrorist ideologies" and refers his readers to an Israeli Web site to discredit the speaker.

Zionists take any measures to ensure cruel Nazism against the Palestinians in order to guarantee their state of Israel. So cruel that 75 percent of Palestinians live in poverty and over 11,000 homes have been demolished in 30 years. Thankfully, there are Jews such as a recent speaker Jeff Halper, and Troy Kursten, who wrote an article, who call for Israel to halt its Nazi regime against the Palestinian people.

Brian Eller, who handed out propaganda at last Thursday's speech by Amir Abdel Malik, doesn't seem to know anything more than being a puppe---t of



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the right wing. Even though he claims that people want to "destroy Israel," he fails to mention what has been ongoing for the past 60 years, which is the destruction of Palestine, and the eradication of the Palestinian people from their own homeland. Don't give the Palestinian people their human rights and their dignity, and you can expect strong resistance.

People don't blow themselves up because they are living the American dream; instead they blow themselves up because they are desperate for what we as Americans cherish the most, which is freedom. Peace in

Palestine will happen when the Zionists give back the land they stole, and not try to profit off land that was never theirs to begin with.

**Humza Chowdhry**  
Architectural engineering senior

## Respect, respect, respect

For the safety of all concerned, I'm happy to see that our guests here attending Cal Poly will have a safe way home after tipping a few downtown.

What I don't understand is some comments in a recent Mustang Daily article. The new van service will provide rides between downtown SLO and several Cal Poly campus drop-off

sites.

Looking at the map, NOT one stop is on campus! What I see is they will be coming home to a residential areas with many retired people, young families and widows hoping for a peaceful night's sleep. I challenge ASI President Tylor Middlestadt and the writer of the "Bouquets and Brickbats" column to join me on our front porch some weekend night and see for yourself what we have to deal with.

"Respect the drivers, respect the vehicles and respect the service," how about respect for the neighbors?

**Frank Kassak**  
Retired staff

## COMMENTARY

## The government's phone records collection is legal

**Patrick McFawn**  
DAILY TROJAN (USC)

LOS ANGELES — The White House announced last Thursday the National Security Agency was collecting the phone records of millions of American citizens for anti-terrorism purposes. The White House decided to address the many inquiries about the program after USA Today published the collection of phone records. As President George W. Bush answered the press corps, many in the media contended the program was operated in defiance of civil liberties. The Washington Post called the program a "massive intrusion on personal privacy." But, despite the critical articles following the unveiling of the program, it is clear that the phone record collection program is legal and that the White House has problems with message consistency and delivery.

In any phone surveillance case, a third party cannot listen to the content of a conversation without a warrant. But, it is possible to obtain informa-

tion from the phone service provider about the call. This follows the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, which was designed to protect civil liberties while giving law enforcement the necessary tools to combat modern day crime. The president originally underlined this when he stated in previous press conferences: "The government does not listen to domestic phone calls without court approval."

Data mining, which is what the phone record collection program executes, does not collect the content of phone conversations. Therefore, the program is not subject to FISA regulation and is both legal and constitutional. The program database contains roughly the same amount of information every citizen has on his or her telephone bill minus the correlating name.

The related FISA statute states regulations do not cover "process used by a provider or customer of a wire or electronic communication service for billing, or recording as an incident to billing." If you use a third party to pro-

vide you with a service, the government has the ability to see the third party's records used for billing. This type of surveillance by the government has also been upheld under the

Such programs are necessary when a war is waged between a country of free democratic people and a decentralized network of individuals that operate in said country

Fourth Amendment in *Smith v. Maryland* in 1979, because individuals who use a phone service know they are giving their information to the service provider and thus have no "reasonable expectation of privacy."

By using this program, the government can look at phone trends to justify probable cause. This then allows the government to petition the FISA court for a warrant to listen to a conversation, as would any conventional

local law enforcement agency. Such programs are necessary when a war is waged between a country of free and democratic people and a decentralized network of individuals that operate in said country.

The announcement of the program also shows the inconsistency in messages from the White House. The American electorate supports the database program, according to a May 12 ABC News/Washington Post poll, which found 63 percent of Americans approve of the data collection. Although the American public is in favor of the program, they do not necessarily know the difference between listening in on phone calls, maintaining records about phone calls or about the nature of the FISA court, which

grants the federal government domestic warrants. The White House should take the initiative to explain the security measures it uses in the War on Terror so the American electorate does not assume a sensational report about a legal surveillance measure is a violation of their civil liberties.

Scott McClellan, the former White House Press Secretary, was seen by some in the media as defensive and was, thus, unable to gain the Press Corps' trust. As a result, a news story obtained from outside the official pressroom is regarded as a secretive action.

In the future, especially during the months leading up to the congressional elections, the White House should be more candid with the American electorate and make sure its messages, outside of being delivered by the new Press Secretary Tony Snow, are consistent and clear. As a result, stories that question the White House's endeavors, such as the details of domestic surveillance, do not rise about issues that are both legal and necessary.



## Peace

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"It can be lonely and isolating to be in another country," Taylor said. "It was really hard and there were definitely days of crying and tears, but I wasn't going to go back."

It is rare for volunteers to be sent to countries where English is the primary language. For Stephanie Ricceri, who volunteered in Sierra Leone from 1983-85, English was the national language but most people spoke Pidgin English or tribal languages. "It was total immersion," she said.

"Some people don't like that surprise," Taylor added. "The focus was on how to speak and listen. Reading and writing came much later."

Taylor was forced to learn Thai and was astonished that when she sat in on an English class, students were taught English but never given a chance to speak it. After her time with the Peace Corps was up, she stayed to teach first grade while her husband taught at a university.

"(Thailand) is such a part of us," she said.

Many countries can also be somewhat dangerous, but the Peace Corps only sends volunteers to countries where they have been invited. Shellye Clark, the San Luis Obispo Peace Corps regional recruiter, said safety and security are the No. 1 priority for the Peace Corps and officials have weekly meetings with the embassies.

When she was volunteering in Guatemala in 2005 and Hurricane Stan swept through the Central American country, the Peace Corps tried to evacuate all the volunteers but "we stayed and helped our communities," Clark said.

In addition to language barriers and safety concerns, some cultural differences can be shocking for Americans.

"Most countries have very different perceptions of gender roles," Clark said, noting that in Guatemala, male farmers would only speak to the male volunteers and not her.

To be eligible for the Peace Corps, prospective volunteers must be at least 18 years old, U.S. citizens and hold a bachelor's degree

or an associate of arts degree along with extensive experience.

The application process requires six to 12 months. After filling out an application, prospective volunteers must undergo an interview and receive a nomination from their regional recruiter. From there, the candidate's information is analyzed at the headquarters in Washington, D.C. and assuming everything is acceptable after a medical and legal review, the candidate receives an invitation to a particular country.

Though the applicant has no choice in where they are sent, that person maintains the right to turn down a country they feel uncomfortable going to.

"They try to match you to a place where you have the skills," Ricceri said, listing business, fishing, health, education and agriculture as a few.

Finally, the applicants are sent to the country for a three-month training period before spending two years applying their skills.

Though the process is thorough and lengthy, Radovich said it is necessary.

"We don't want people to hear about the Peace Corps, apply and find themselves overseas six weeks later," he said.

Despite the commitment, Clark recommended that more people should partake in the program. "You're making friends with people you probably never would have known," she said.

Taylor often thinks about her old life in Thailand and hopes to take her children there someday.

"My home-stay mom showed me how to live in Thailand — she holds my hand when we cross the street," Taylor said. "What would she say if she saw my life before?"

For students interested, applications are available on the Peace Corps Web site at [www.peacecorps.gov](http://www.peacecorps.gov) or in the Kennedy Library, Room 207.

## U.S. newborn mortality rate second worst in modern world

Amber Dutton  
THE DAILY UNIVERSE (BYU)

PROVO, Utah — Though the industrialized world rarely struggles with infections, tetanus and diarrhea responsible for the deaths of approximately half of the infants and mothers throughout the Third World, the modern world is not without infant mortality.

In the ranking among advanced nations, the United States is tied with Hungary, Malta, Poland and Slovakia for the second worst infant death rate. In the United States, five of every 1,000 newborns die.

"Although the newborn mortality rate in the United States has fallen in recent decades, it is still higher than most other industrialized nations — 2.5 times that of Finland, Iceland and Norway, and about three times higher than the newborn mortality rate of Japan," said writers in the State of the World's Mothers 2006 Report.

These newborn deaths throughout the modern world are most likely caused by premature births and low birth weights. This could be caused by factors such as STIs, smoking or women not regularly seeing a qualified physician or midwife throughout their pregnancies.

"Although we are an industrialized nation, not all women receive proper prenatal care, and that can lead to low birthrate and infant death," said Libi Lendall, a mother of two and a volunteer peer counselor at the Pregnancy Resource Center of Utah County.

The study also found U.S. newborn mortality rates to be highest among minorities. This was true even when mothers had equal access to prenatal care.

"The odds of newborn infants dying, after all of the risk factors were taken into account, were 3.4 times higher in blacks, 1.5 times

### Five things an expecting mother should do to have a healthy pregnancy

- See a qualified doctor or midwife
- Receive prenatal care early, within the first 8-12 weeks (as recommended by doctors)
- Have regular prenatal appointments
- Read about pregnancy, births and infant care
- Follow the recommendations of a qualified physician/midwife

higher in Hispanics and 1.9 times higher for races other than whites," the report stated.

Mike Kiernan, spokesman for Save the Children, a national organization devoted to caring for children, clarified this finding.

"Minorities do have higher rates in the U.S. than white Caucasians, but we think it probably has to do with nutrition, access to health care, availability of prenatal care and that sort of thing," he said.

The results of the study showed researchers the key elements of mortality prevention.

"In short, providing mothers with access to education, economic opportunities and maternal and child health care, including family planning, gives mothers and their children the best chance to survive and thrive," the report said.

The report concluded its study with a call to arms and a petition for help.



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## International briefs

**TEHRAN, Iran** — Iran's president mocked a package of incentives to suspend uranium enrichment, saying Wednesday they were like giving up gold for chocolate — defiance that appeared certain to complicate U.S. efforts to curb Tehran's nuclear ambitions. "Do you think you are dealing with a 4-year-old child to whom you can give some walnuts and chocolates and get gold from him?" President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad asked derisively.

— The Associated Press

**MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia** — Mount Merapi shot a large cloud of searing hot ash and gas into the sky Wednesday, ending two days of relative calm and underscoring the dangers still facing thousands of people living on the volcano's slopes.

Witnesses said the eruption appeared to be smaller than the mountain's most violent sputterings Monday, when ash and gas clouds surged around 2 1/2 miles from the peak and triggered panic.

— The Associated Press

**TOKYO** — About 105 gallons of coolant water containing radioactive material leaked from an inactive nuclear power reactor in western Japan, but there was no danger of radiation escaping from the plant, its operator said Tuesday.

— The Associated Press

## Hamas-led government deploys 3,000-strong militant force

**Ibrahim Barzak**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**BUREIJ REFUGEE CAMP, Gaza Strip** — Some 3,000 gunmen loyal to the radical Hamas-led government deployed across the Gaza Strip Wednesday, the Islamic group's most brazen challenge yet to President Mahmoud Abbas.

The sudden show of force came after two Hamas members were gunned down in drive-by shootings hours earlier that the group blamed on Abbas' Fatah Party. There were no reported clashes with Fatah loyalists, but the Hamas force did violently break up a peaceful protest by prospective teachers in one southern town.

The deployment defied a presidential order and added to tensions that have been rising since Hamas defeated Fatah in legislative elections in January. The power struggle already has spilled over into violence, and the Palestinian territories increasingly appear headed toward a bloody showdown.

The bulk of the new Hamas force was sent to chaotic Gaza City, where bearded gunmen in black T-shirts and green vests took up positions along the main streets and at busy intersections, near banks and outside ministry buildings and parliament. In one display, dozens of masked gunmen marched in formation through a major square.

Outside the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, members of the new force stood a few feet away from members of a security branch that answers to Abbas.

And in the southern city of Khan Younis, about 40 members of the new force pulled up to the Education Ministry, jumped from



Palestinian militants that are part of a new security force of the Hamas-led Palestinian government patrol the street after deploying in Gaza City, on Wednesday. The Palestinians' Hamas-led government disregarded President Mahmoud Abbas' order banning the creation of the security body.

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their jeeps and fired in the air to break up a peaceful protest of recent college graduates who want teaching jobs. The teachers were protesting an application fee.

The gunmen moved into the building, where they bludgeoned protesters with clubs and rifles, demonstrators said.

"We were protesting peacefully, and suddenly these gunmen came and assaulted us," said a protester as he applied a bandage to a small gash on his head. "We don't know who they are or why they came here." He identified himself only as Khaled, saying he feared retribution.

The new Hamas force is headed by Jamal Abu Samhadana, a bomb-

maker wanted by Israel who is suspected of masterminding a deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic convoy in 2003.

Hamas officials said the new force's aim was to bring order to Gaza, where marauding gangs of armed men routinely terrorize citizens. The deployment was ordered after drive-by shootings in Gaza killed two Hamas militants.

There was no claim of responsibility for the drive-by shootings, which came after cars belonging to senior Fatah militants were blown up in Gaza City. But Hamas spokesman Mushir al-Masri blamed Preventive Security, a force filled with Fatah supporters.

"This is a plan of the Preventive Security to draw Hamas into a civil war and to make the government appear ineffective," al-Masri said.

The dispute between Abbas, a moderate who was elected separately a year ago, and Hamas has focused on control of the security forces.

Abbas infuriated Hamas last month when he appointed a loyalist to head three security agencies that report to the Hamas-controlled Interior Ministry. Hamas responded by announcing it would create a militant force of its own — even after Abbas vetoed the plan.

Tayeb Abdel Rahim, a presidential

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# Reputed Colombian cocaine kingpin arrested in Brazil

Joshua Goodman  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOGOTA, Colombia — One of the world's most hunted drug traffickers — accused of shipping more than 70 tons of cocaine to the United States — has been arrested in Brazil, Colombian police said Wednesday.

Colombian-born Pablo Rayo Montano, who had been on the run for a decade, was captured Tuesday in Sao Paulo as part of an operation coordinated by the U.S. Drug

Enforcement Administration.

More than three dozen others were arrested during simultaneous raids in the United States and Latin America, officials said. Authorities also seized control of three islands off the coast of Panama, a trove of artwork, yachts and millions in cash.

"It's estimated the amount of cocaine supplied by this organization was enough to poison 37 million consumers," Colombia's anti-narcotics police said in a statement.

Called Twin Oceans, the opera-

tion targeted a major drug cartel that shipped cocaine and other drugs from clandestine ports along Colombia's coast.

Officials in nine countries — Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Panama, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States — have arrested more than 100 people during the investigation, and have seized 47.5 tons of cocaine, 22 pounds of heroin and 770 pounds of marijuana.

Of the more than 30 arrests Tuesday, six were in the United

States, including one in Los Angeles in which a federal agent posed as a pizza deliveryman, a DEA official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the operation. Four people were arrested in Miami and one in Indianapolis.

The Justice Department considered Montano a key target, accusing him of running one of the world's largest drug smuggling operations from Sao Paulo, where he had lived for the past three years.

DEA officials said the United

States would seek to extradite Montano.

Colombian police said Montano began trafficking drugs in the early 1990s from the Pacific port of Buenaventura and rose to prominence within the now-defunct Cali cartel.

Police said that in Brazil, Montano set up a number of companies, including an art gallery, to launder proceeds from the monthly sale of an estimated 22 tons of cocaine to the United States and Europe.

# Iraq's incoming prime minister to unveil Cabinet on Saturday

Tarek El-Tablawy  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's incoming prime minister said Wednesday he will unveil his Cabinet to parliament this weekend, the first sign that the country may finally be moving ahead with a national unity government after weeks of wrangling.

There are hopes that sharing power successfully will help heal the sectarian rift underlying the relentless wave of violence that has swept Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion three years ago and open the way for American troops to begin returning home.

But talks were still under way on choices to head the critical ministries of interior and defense, which control the police and army respectively. Without an eventual agreement, no resolution is possible of the basic conflict between Shiites and Sunni Arabs.

A spokesman for Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki told The Associated Press that he would present the Cabinet at a parliament session Saturday with or without a decision on those two posts.

"The government is almost completed. Only the interior and defense ministries remain," said the spokesman, Salah Abdul-Razaq. "If an agreement is not reached, the announcement will be made without these posts."

He did not elaborate, but his remarks suggested that al-Maliki, a



Shiite, would appoint himself to head the two ministries until all parties agreed on the two appointees. Saturday would be two days ahead of a 30-day deadline for al-Maliki to present a Cabinet, and it was unlikely that he would present a deal for parliament to vote down.

Parliament, officially the Council of Representatives, must approve each proposed minister by an absolute majority of all 275 members. That means not simply a majority of the members who show up for the session.

If the prime minister fails to win approval of his Cabinet, President Jalal Talabani has 15 days to designate another nominee, who will then have 30 days to form a Cabinet. The constitution does not rule out reappointing al-Maliki, in effect giving him more time to complete the process.

The two main Sunni Arab factions, which hold 55 seats in parliament, had demanded they either be given or be allowed to appoint the defense minister. In return, the dominant Shiite United Iraqi Alliance, with 130 seats, would get the Interior Ministry.

**Iraqi deputies attend the parliament session in the heavily fortified Green Zone, in Baghdad, Iraq on Wednesday. Prime Minister-designate Nouri al-Maliki said Tuesday that the formation of the Cabinet was "mostly complete," but an influential Shiite group and some Sunni Arab lawmakers said the deal was far from done.**

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An American diplomat said there was a "short list" for defense and interior ministers and that a decision could be reached by Saturday.

The names U.S. officials have seen are credible people, said the diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he said only the ambassador and his spokesman could speak on the record.

Candidates thought to be favored for the defense minister are former Parliament Speaker Hajim al-Hassani, outgoing Defense Minister Saadoun al-Dulaimi, current Industry Minister

Osama al-Najafai and former Iraqi army Gen. Baraa Najib al-Rubaei. All are Sunni Arabs.

Al-Najafai was also an economics professor at the University of Mosul. He is considered a moderate with no links to any of the key Sunni Arab groups; he escaped an assassination attempt a few months ago.

Al-Rubaei served 30 years in the Iraqi army but was on bad terms with Saddam Hussein's Baathist regime.

Interior Ministry candidates include former Pentagon favorite and vice president Ahmed Chalabi; Qassim Dawoud, an independent Shiite politician; and Lt. Gen. Nasser Daham al-Amiri, a former army officer.

Under the framework outlined by Shiites and verified by Sunni politicians, the United Iraqi Alliance would receive 16 ministries; the Kurds five; Sunni Arabs six or seven; the secular Iraqi List headed by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi four; and Turkoman and Christian parties would receive one each.

In the last government, the Shiites held 17 ministries, the Sunni Arabs five, the Kurds had 10 and a Christian had one.

Winning parliamentary approval of the new Cabinet is the final step in forming a government of national unity, which the U.S. believes offers the best hope of calming sectarian tensions and luring Sunni Arabs from the insurgency.

## Hamas

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aide, urged Hamas to reverse the decision. "This force doesn't serve security. On the contrary, it creates problems," he said Wednesday.

The new force drew mixed reactions from the public, reflecting the deep rift among the 1.3 million residents of Gaza, an impoverished, densely populated coastal strip.

In the town of Deir el-Balah, Hamas supporter Sufian Abu Mustafa welcomed the new force and offered the men cold water. "It's a very good step. We need even more

than 3,000 to end the chaos," Abu Mustafa said.

But Abdel Aziz Shaheen, a retired Fatah lawmaker, held a solitary demonstration against the force outside the Palestinian parliament building in Gaza City.


"I don't want to be ruled and governed by militias," he said. "Maybe I am alone today, but I am sure that in the future we are going to see thousands of people protesting."

Also Wednesday, two Islamic Jihad militants were killed and another was wounded in a gunbattle with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank city of Nablus. Islamic Jihad has been responsible for all nine suicide bomb-

ings against Israeli targets since Palestinian factions agreed to an informal truce early last year.

Israel said a captured former Palestinian finance official has admitted using foreign donor money to finance millions of dollars in arms purchases on direct orders from the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's office said Fouad Shobaki, seized by Israel in a March raid on a Palestinian prison, told interrogators that as head of finance for the Palestinian security services, he channeled at least \$9 million in aid money and public funds to buy weapons.



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## Sunsets

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So, even though it's a more serious hike, the view and the tranquility is worth your while.

### 4. CERRO SAN LUIS

Cerro San Luis is the mountain that sits next to the freeway right off the Marsh Street exit when going south on U.S Highway 101 from Cal Poly. The hike is fairly easy, but requires some extra energy at the peak.

Though there are many places on the hike that appear to be off limits,

getting to the top is possible.

"The hike may seem simple, but near the end it gets a little more difficult," said Kay Rathe, a sophomore civil engineer. "When you get to the top, the view is totally worth the hike — the view is amazing."

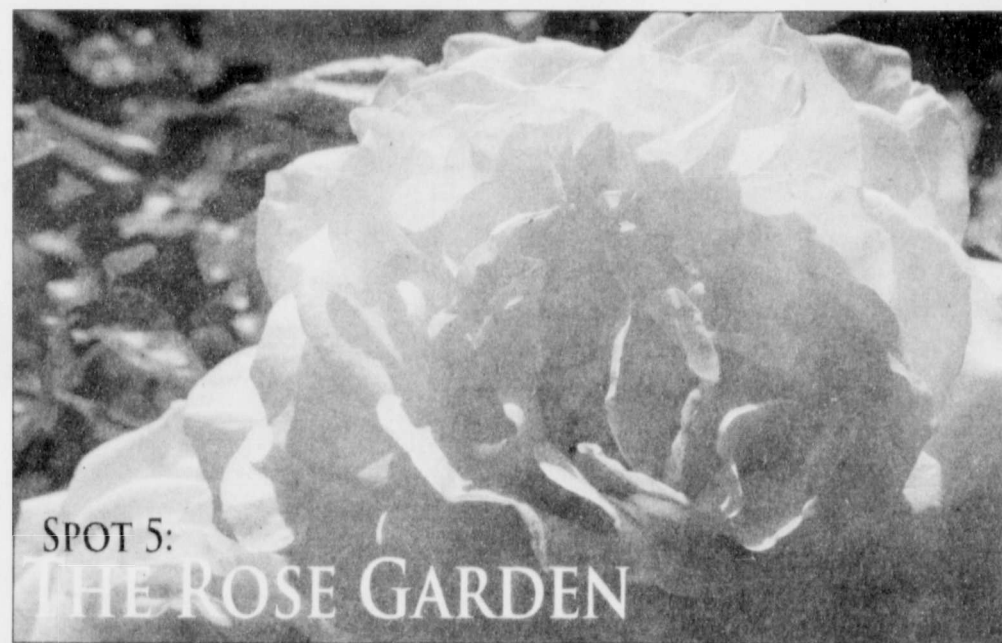
To get to the trail, take the Marsh Street exit going southbound and take the immediate left. It is a small turn off and leads to a parking lot at the base of the mountain. The start of the trail is clearly in view.

"The trail was gravel the whole way up and there weren't any plants to get in my way," said Rathe. "I saw a lot of rabbits and birds both ways, but especially on the way down after

sunset."

The only obstacles on the path were the few potholes and the fences. There is one fence that looks like it is a blockage but it is just pipes hanging down that any one can pass through. They read "Please respect fences." Potholes randomly appear often the whole hike. So watch for any that you can trip over.

"I had to walk along the stable part of the path the whole way because I knew with one wrong step I could be in one of those huge cracks that made potholes," said Rathe.



SPOT 5:  
THE ROSE GARDEN

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The Rose Garden offers views of the peaks surrounding San Luis Obispo, in addition to a beautiful garden setting.

### 5. THE ROSE GARDEN

Even though it is not well known, the rose garden by the business building and next to the new stadium is an ideal location to view the sunset. Its view of Bishop's Peak and on campus location put it in the top five.

The garden is fairly large and there is a nice place to sit in the middle. There are two L-shaped benches facing diagonally from each other. A fountain that was a Construction Management project, according to the Cal Poly Land Web

(<http://polyland.calpoly.edu>), separates them. A large area of grass surrounds the rose garden. Students often use this place to study or relax. This makes it convenient for viewing the sunset in the garden. When students are done with their studies

they can take a break to sit on the benches and watch the sun disappear.

There are a large number of various roses planted in the garden. This leads to the question of how often new roses are added.

"Although new rose bushes are added every year, some of the roses that are present today are the original ones that were planted 25 years ago," according to <http://polyland.calpoly.edu>.

Not only are there plants added, but the ornamental horticulture department often uses the garden for teaching pruning lectures.

For all the hikes and sunset viewing, bring a flashlight, warm clothes, something to sit on, long pants and always a camera. Happy hiking to you all.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Former steel giant
  - 6 It may be raised in an argument
  - 9 Draw up a new plan
  - 14 Picked up
  - 15 \_\_\_ ami
  - 16 Alamogordo's county
  - 17 Start of a quote by Lord Jeffery, 18th-century literary critic and judge
  - 19 Numbskulls
  - 20 Body of British peers
  - 21 Father, Son and Holy Ghost
  - 22 Quote, part 2
  - 24 Magazine no.
  - 25 Star in Orion
  - 26 Blacks
  - 29 Lindbergh baby kidnapper
- DOWN**
- 31 Made a fast stop?
  - 34 It keeps its head above water
  - 35 Quote, part 3
  - 36 3-D tests
  - 37 "\_\_\_ Mir Bist du Schön"
  - 38 Elegance
  - 39 Carlos y Felipe, e.g.
  - 40 Neutral colors
  - 42 Part of a wheel
  - 43 Quote, part 4
  - 49 Charge
  - 50 More like Midas
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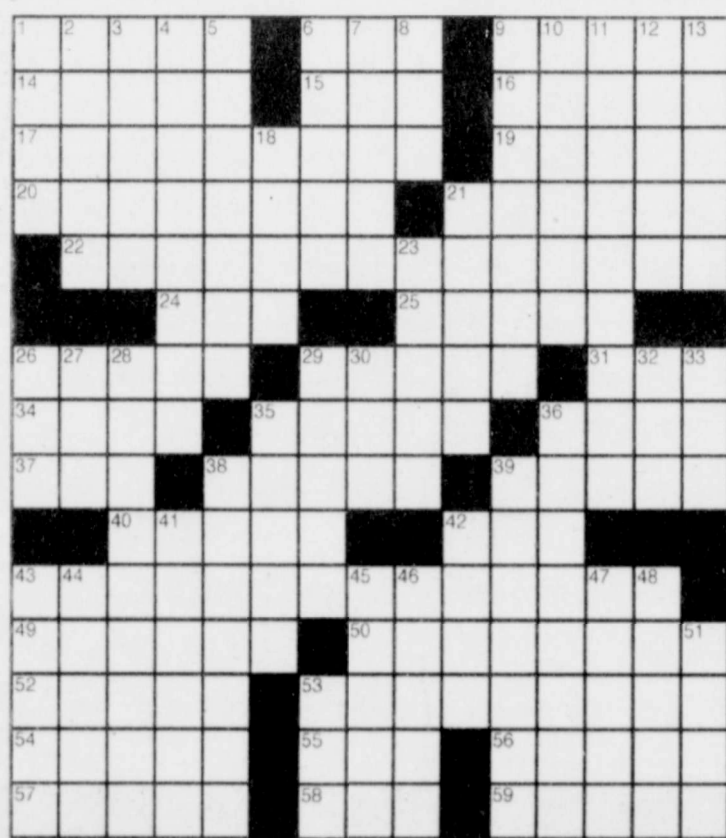
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- 57 Pass
- 58 Russia, once, Abbr.
- 59 Regards

### DOWN

- 1 One-legged literary character
- 2 August
- 3 Native New Zealander
- 4 Bending
- 5 Idiosyncrasy
- 6 Insect stage
- 7 Friar Laurence said to him, "Thou art wedded to calamity"
- 8 Detroit-to-Montreal dir.
- 9 Spanish composer
- 10 Twinkler in le ciel
- 11 Relating to bone marrow
- 12 Rice-\_\_\_
- 13 Struck things
- 18 Ones bet on by bettors
- 21 Like strong string
- 23 Beats but good
- 26 Flow's partner
- 27 Old-fashioned social
- 28 Get positioned
- 29 "We're #1," e.g.
- 30 Some footballers: Abbr.
- 32 Couple



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- 33 Snaky character
- 35 "La clemenza di Tito" composer
- 36 10 newtons
- 38 Like the Liberty Bell
- 39 Mystery word in "Citizen Kane"
- 41 Dye used on photographic plates
- 42 Popular online tech. news source
- 43 Big trucks
- 44 "Watch out! It's \_\_\_!"
- 45 Sikorsky et al.
- 46 Skating champ Brian
- 47 Daughter of Tantalus who was turned to stone
- 48 Blue material
- 51 Roulette bets
- 53 Musical syllables

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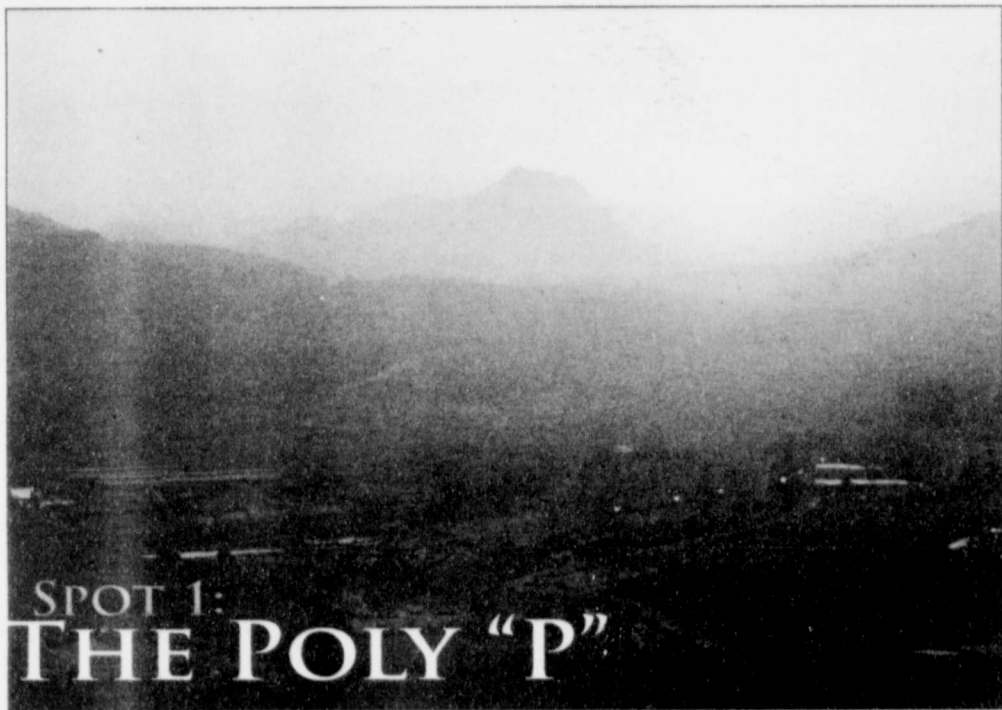
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## SLO Outdoor Adventures

## TOP 5: Sunset Spots in SLO

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MUSTANG DAILYSPOT 1:  
THE POLY "P"

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The Poly "P" offers a unique perspective of the campus most students have never seen.

## 2. DAIRY CREEK AND EL CHORRO LOOP

El Chorro Regional Park is across from Cuesta College on Highway 1. The Dairy Creek hike is most noteworthy for its spectacular sunsets. This is a simple hike, but there are many cautions.

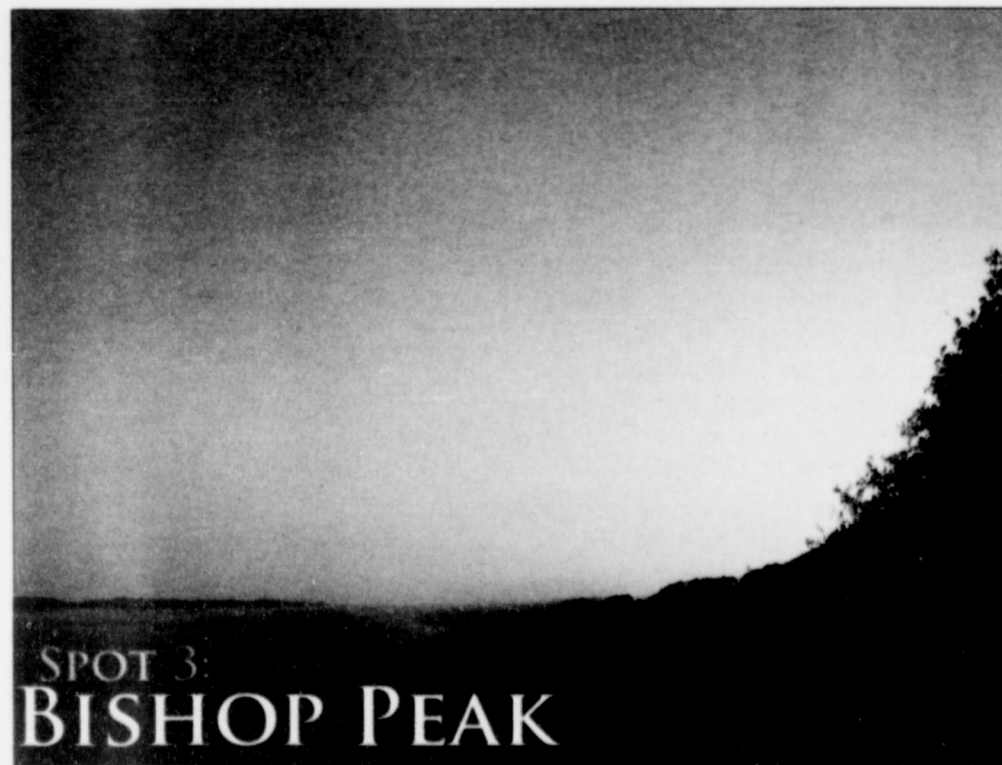
To get to the beginning of the loop, drive into the park all the way to the end of the road and park in the dirt parking lot. The entrance is right there.

Most of the path is paved making it easy to find which way to go. However, when the construction is reached, there are two options. One is to follow the paved road through the construction site. The other is to follow the trodden path through

the tall grass.

If you continue along the road, the loop keeps going, but there is one other option. There is a trail that runs along side the construction and ends on a big gravel mound. Go that way. The best sunset viewing is there. The view overlooks rolling hills and a few farm structures. It is a nice change from a view of a city.

Now that all of this is said, there are the cautions. According to Slopost.org, "Camp San Luis Obispo borders the park and is posted 'No Trespassing' because of an impact area during WWII. Unexploded ammunition in this area could be hazardous. Be sure to stay on roadway and trails."

SPOT 3:  
BISHOP PEAK

CHRISTINA CASCI MUSTANG DAILY

Bishop Peak is one of San Luis Obispo's highest peaks at 1,446 feet and is a great location to catch sunsets.

## 1. THE POLY "P"

Every day, students look up and see the "P" on the mountain behind the Cerro Vista Apartments. Little do they know, it is one of the best places to watch the sunset. It's an easy hike and doesn't take too much time.

To get there, walk through the parking lot behind the red brick residence halls, to the overflow parking lot at the very back of the lot. There is a gate, but it is usually open or it is easy to get around.

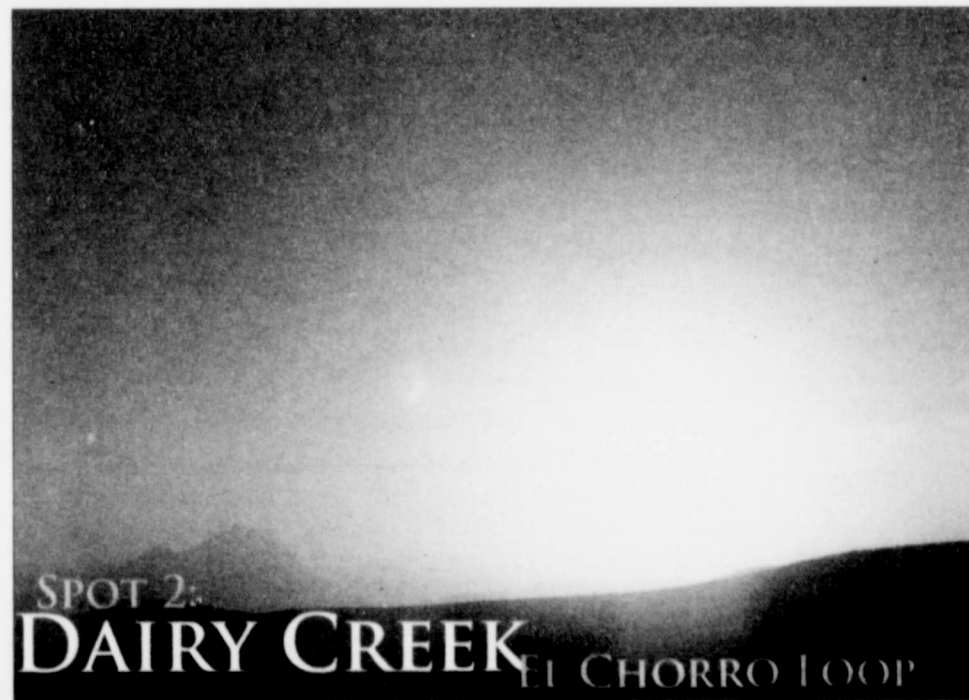
One way to get to the "P" is to take the gravel road up to the big water container and then follow the walked paths. The other option is to take the gravel path halfway and then follow the path that goes straight up the mountain.

When the "P" is finally reached, there are levels that look like huge stairs to sit on. Most people climb to the top for a better view.

"By the time we got to the top, it was an amazing view. It was cool to see Poly from that view," said Matt Howard, a business junior. "The lights from that angle were amazing."

Not only is the sunset fantastic, but there is also a great view of campus, making the hike a great way to get to know the campus from a different angle. It is a common hike for students and a favorite among some.

"It was fun watching the sun go down on the steps," said Mark Bozzo (CQ), a civil engineering senior. "You get a great view of Bishop's Peak and Madonna Mountain."

SPOT 2:  
DAIRY CREEK  
EL CHORRO LOOP

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Dairy Creek and the El Chorro Loop, located near Cuesta College off of Highway 1, offers views, mountainous peaks and fields.

## 3. BISHOP PEAK

Most students know Bishop Peak. Many talk about how necessary it is to hike it. There is a reason behind it. The sunset is the best in San Luis Obispo. It is one of the highest points in the city and has the best view.

The hike is pretty strenuous, but there are nice places to take rests along the way. The time of year makes a huge difference, said senior Rachel Foxhoven.

"If you hit it during the right time of year, that's also when the warm night breeze sets in so you get to cool off from your hike and relax with a slight breeze in your face," she said.

Even from lower levels of the mountain, the view is breathtaking. From the very top, the ocean and numerous mountains are visible. It's

awesome to see all of this in one glance, Foxhoven said.

The more difficult parts of this hike are at the beginning because it is a rougher incline. Near the top, it gets easier. The only part of the top that is difficult is the gathering of boulders at the peak.

Especially at this time of year, there are lots of bright yellow flowers that make for a very nice photo opportunity. There are also numerous other plants and insects that run rampant on this hike. So keep a sharp eye.

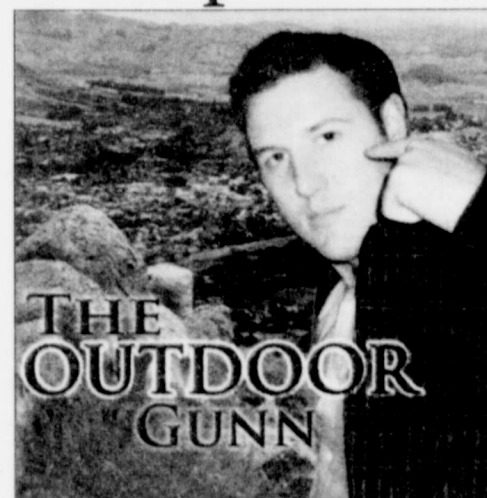
Why do students specifically love this place?

"To slow down. It's just nice to forget about everything that's going on and kind of be stuck," Foxhoven said. "It's one of those things that it's really hard to get away to do, but once you're half way up you're stuck finishing the process."

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## COMMENTARY

## Surfing with a side of disrespect

THE  
OUTDOOR  
GUNN

Back when I started writing "The Outdoor Gunn," I wrote one of my first columns on being courteous when surfing or engaging in water-sport activities.

I wrote it because I had been forced into a near confrontation after accidentally dropping in on another surfer during a session at the Pismo Pier.

At the time, I was a beginning surfer and was still developing basic skills and learning about courtesy while in the water. To say the least, I was shocked by the surfer's reaction — after all, I preserved the coastline to be a huge playground with enough peaks for every surfer in the water.

For the last year, I have lived in this disillusioned mindset. That is until last week, when I was surfing a break close to Studio Drive in Cayucos and was virtually run over, and accosted by roughly nine kite boarders. We had been in the water for about an hour when the locusts descended upon our 200-yards of oceanfront and began to steal our waves and almost hit us.

At one point, one of the culprits even went as far as to steal my wave and stare me down. I have been surfing this particular spot for some time and have never experienced anything like it.

With miles of coastline to the south and at least a mile of coastline to the north, I couldn't help but think that the kite boarders were flat out rude and disrespectful.

There are rules that all surfers and water-sports enthusiasts follow: simple things like don't drop in on others; don't paddle out to a nice break and take waves from experienced surfers, if you're not capable of riding it, stick to the beach breaks; and just flat-out be respectful of other people in the water.

To the kite boarders from last week, you're blacklisted, and I beg anyone else who is a kite boarder or is interested in kite boarding to have a great time surfing peaks away from known traditional surfing spots.

So in signing off for the last time as the Outdoor Gunn, thanks for reading, enjoy the outdoors and keep the peace.